HELMUTH SPEAKING FOR BOSKONE

ISSUE 4

SUNDAY 21 February 2016

Boskone 53 Art Show Awards

Judges Awards

Best in Show

Last Diner Before Mordor – Omar Rayyan

Judges Choice Awards

Starfinder – Tom Kidd Treetop Sniper – Andrew Cefalu The DinoLords – Richard Anderson Ichibichi – Gary Lippincott Fallen – Scott Grimando Spring – Ruth Sanderson

Nightlife – Jonathan Hunt *Domus Apidae* – Carly Janine Mazur *Silverberg's Rocket* – Bob Eggleton

Thorn – David Lee Pancake

Chairman's Choice

Last Diner Before Mordor - Omar Rayyan

Art Show Director's Choice

Silverberg's Rocket - Bob Eggleton

Art Show Watchmen Awards

Reginleif – Clark Huggins Woman of Duir – Linda D. Graves

2016 Gaughan Award

Presented to Tommy Arnold

The Gaughan Award honors the memory of Jack Gaughan, a long-time friend of fandom and one of the finest SF artists of the 20th century. Because Jack felt it was important to encourage and recognize new blood in the field, The New England Science Fiction Association, Inc., presents the Gaughan Award annually to an emerging artist (an artist who has become a professional within the past five years) chosen by a panel of judges.

2016 Hugo Awards Nominations

Nominations for the 2016 Hugo Awards and 1941 Retro Hugo Awards close on March 31, 2016. Visit MidAmeriCon2.org for details.



Guest of Honor Garth Nix autographing on Friday.

Heroes Still Needed!

We always need help for tear down. Please stop at the Volunteer table (in the Galleria near the Art Show) early this afternoon. If you help tear down and load the truck tonight, we will feed you dinner. We can also use help unloading the truck tomorrow afternoon at the NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford St., Somerville. (617-625-2311)

2016 Skylark Award Presented to Gardner Dozois

The Edward E. Smith Memorial Award for Imaginative Fiction (the Skylark) is presented annually by NESFA to some person, who, in the opinion of the membership, has contributed significantly to science fiction, both through work in the field and by exemplifying the personal qualities which made the late "Doc" Smith well-loved by those who knew him.

NESFA Short Story Contest Winner

Kevin Fitch, "Super"

Runner Up

Alexandra Krein, "First Impressions"

Sunday Program Update

E. J. Stevens will not be attending today.

Special Guests Sunday Activities

Guest of Honor Garth Nix

10 AM, Harbor II

Reading and Q&A

1 PM, Galleria

Autographing

Official Artist Richard Anderson

11 AM. Galleria

Autographing

1 PM. Art Show

The Art of Richard Anderson

Special Guests Arnie & Cathy Fenner

11 AM, Galleria

Autographing

NESFA Press Guest Bob Eggleton

10 AM, Harbor I

Kaffeeklatsch

11 AM, Marina 1

NESFA Press Guest Interview

Featured Filkers Vixy & Tony

11 AM, Lewis

What Gets You Hooked on a Song?

NOON, Lewis

Wired for Sound: Home Audio

Recording

What's a NASFiC?

Please visit the friendly Worldcon and North American Science Fiction Convention bidders in the lower Galleria Escalator Lobby.

Sunday Morning Attendance Numbers

- ★ 922 Warm Bodies Onsite
- ★ 1314 Members (965 Preregistered)
- ★ 259 At-the-Door

Sunday Special Event

It will be a special event if your humble newsletter editor manages to get out of bed before noon and remembers to wear pants today. He may have had a wee bit too much single malt last night.



The True SMOF Agenda

The unsuspecting public believes the people working behind the scenes at science fiction conventions — the self-titled *Secret Masters of Fandom* — are only trying to benefit fankind. But this reporter has uncovered a confidential document that reveals THE TRUE SMOF AGENDA. Late at night when the good people of fandom are asleep, they roam the hidden passages that all hotels contain and harvest writers' tears, artists' sweat, and editors' curses!

Boskone 54, Where Are You? 17 –19 February 2017

Boskone 54 is proud to announce our Guests for next year's convention, which will take place on Presidents Day Weekend at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. We hope to see you there for a fantastic convention!

Guest of Honor
Official Artist
Dave Seeley
Special Guest
Maryelizabeth Yturralde
Featured Filkers
The Fabulous
Lorraine & Lojo Russo

Hal Clement Science Speaker Milton Davis
NESFA Press Guest Ken MacLeod

You can purchase your "Early Bird" membership at this year's convention and through 29 February 2016.

Sunday Parties

★ Dead Dog Party Con Suite After Teardown

Check the Party Board in the lower Galleria

Escalator Lobby for latest party information.

Con Suite Donations

The Con Suite thanks the Brookline Food Co-Op.

We thank Alice Lewis for providing our Speaking of Helmuth logo, Teddy Harvia for his Wingnut Logic cartoons, and everyone else who contributed material for this year's Helmuth. See you next year!